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SUMMARY. EMBASSY WAS ABLE INJECT U.S. VIEWS INTO FINAL
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS GOJ STRIVES TO COME UP WITH
RESPONSIVE PACKAGE FOR ASEAN DISCUSSIONS HERE JULY 14
AND 15. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SOUGHT DEVELOP MODEST
LIMITED STABEX-LIKE ARRANGEMENT FOR ASEAN AS EXTENSION
OF GOJ AID PROGRAM, BUT U.S. VIEWS MAY TIP SCALE IN
INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS AGAINST FOREIGN MINISTRY PROPOSAL.

END SUMMARY.

1. APPRECIATE TIMELY RECEIPT REFTEL WHICH ARRIVED JUST AS GOJ IS IN FINAL STAGES OF DEVELOPING POSITIONS FOR ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATION'S SESSIONS HERE JULY 15. IN CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAKE SURE U.S. POINTS FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY DECISION MAKERS, E/MIN SPOKE WITH MIZOGUCHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND EMBOFFS MADE PRESENTATION BASED REFTEL TO NISHIYAMA, ASIA REGIONAL POLICY DIVISION DIRECTOR AND MOCHIZUKE, ECONOMIC OFFICER CONCERNED WITH TRADE ASPECTS OF JAPAN-ASEAN DIALOGUE.

2. ALL THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS SAID GOJ DID NOT ENVISION SPECIAL TRADE PREFERENCE SCHEME AND SHARED U.S. VIEWS ON DANGERS INHERENT THEREIN.

3. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CLEARLY TRYING TO GET GENERAL GOJ APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT SEEMS TO RESPOND TO ASEAN DESIRES FOR SOME SORT OF STABEX ARRANGEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO GET AGREEMENT TO TELL ASEAN THAT GOJ IS WILLING TO BEGIN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE ELEMENTS OF A CIRCUMSCRIBED STABEX SYSTEM AS AN ADJUNCT TO JAPANESE AID PROGRAMS. THEY WOULD NOT ATTEMPT COVER ANY PRODUCTS NOW COVERED BY COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS OR LIKELY TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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COVERED IN FUTURE. MIZOGUCHI SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY FELT THERE WERE SOME DISTINCTIVE ASEAN PRODUCTS THAT WOULD FALL OUTSIDE MULTILATERAL COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS AND THAT GOJ SHOULD INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO STUDY SCHEMES THAT MIGHT PROVIDE LOANS TO ASEAN COUNTRIES WHEN EXPORT EARNINGS FALL BELOW SOME NORMAL LEVEL. THEY ARGUE THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER AID RUBRIC RATHER THAN TRADE AND THAT SINCE SO MUCH OF JAPANESE AID WAS IN ANY CASE CONCENTRATED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE TIE BETWEEN AID LEVELS AND EXPORT EARNING LEVELS WAS LOGICAL.

4. E/MIN STRESSED THAT SUCH LIMITED REGIONAL PROGRAMS BY MAJOR TRADING POWER LIKE JAPAN WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE IMPACT ON BROADER COMMODITY AND COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS. MIZOGUCHI UNDERTOOK TO DESCRIBE U.S. VIEWS IN FINAL DECISION-MAKING DISCUSSIONS THIS EVENING AND COMMENTED WOEFULLY HE FEARED OUR INTERVENTION WOULD CAUSE MINISTRY OF FINANCE VIEWS TO PREVAIL.
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